

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fifth Norfolk Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Fifth Norfolk Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 0.8 % (904) of these admissions reside in the Fifth Norfolk Representative District. 13% (122) of admissions from the Fifth Norfolk Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fifth Norfolk Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 65% were male and 35% were female.
- 51% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 80% were white non-Latino, 12% were black non-Latino, 5% were Latino, and 4% were other racial categories.
- 64% were never married, 17% were married, and 19% reported not to be married now.
- 30% had less than high school education, 47% completed high school, and 23% had more than high school education.
- 30% were employed.
- 5% were homeless.
- 34% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fifth Norfolk Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	48%	25%	6%	6%	2%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2003							
Fifth Norfolk Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	654	530	167	190	89	172	122
FY '96	645	501	171	198	107	180	126
FY '97	625	518	159	157	81	139	94
FY '98	977	802	246	255	112	232	168
FY '99	826	626	213	248	125	255	185
FY '00	297	232	104	67	29	56	41
FY '01	980	712	213	232	94	223	159
FY '02	910	607	212	176	88	216	141
FY '03	904	607	239	209	122	246	187